

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016
HOPE TOWN OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

Note: These minutes may not be considered an official public record until such time as they are read and accepted by the Board of Selectmen.

Board Members Present: Jim Annis, David Bosken, Chris Pinchbeck, Wendy Pelletier, Brian Powers Jr.,

Others Present: Jon Duke, Rick Bresnahan, Thom Ingraham, Carole Gartley

I. Call the Meeting to Order

Brian Powers called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

II. Minutes

a. Minutes of the December 22nd meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Jim Annis moved, and Chris Pinchbeck seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of December 22nd meeting of the Board of Selectmen as written. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Minutes of the December 30th meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Jim Annis moved, and Chris Pinchbeck seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of December 30th meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended. **Motion passed 5-0.**

III. Selectmen's Roundtable

- Next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm at the Hope Town Office.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

Jon presented to the Board the 2nd Quarter financial report. Overages in Roads reduced the Town's cash position as compared to the 1st Quarter due to significant storm damage and unanticipated repairs to complete paving on Ludwig Road.

FEMA has informed the Town that the draft flood maps are now final and the Town of Hope will be asked to adopt this maps at the June Annual Town Meeting.

Storm damage relating to last Sunday night's storm brought power outages, flooding, and a number of undermined and washed out sections of Town. Due to the upcoming snowstorm, John Monroe subcontracted Farley and Son to complete the necessary repairs so that the work is completed before a deep freeze sets in.

The foreclosure date for properties with unpaid taxes dating back to the 2014 tax year is January 29th. Property owners with outstanding amounts will need to pay this amount in full prior to the close of business on that date or the Town will automatically foreclose on the property.

The electrical repairs and upgrades have been completed at the sand shed.

A four town meeting for Mid Coast Solid Waste communities will be held next month to provide the four Board of Selectmen the recommendation of the Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation's Board of Directors on which vendor the communities should use to dispose of municipal solid waste. Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation has hired a team of engineers to measure the options for the four communities in MCSWC, and will circulate bids from those vendors to gauge the market prices for disposal of waste. The bids should return in February and the meeting will take place shortly thereafter.

V. Unfinished Business

a. Hope Elementary School Pre-K Program Proposal Update – Rick Bresnahan

Carole Gartley asked of the Board if the date of the public hearing had been formally approved by the Board. Brian Powers said that the Board has not yet voted on the date, but January 26th has been informally suggested as a likely date for the hearing. Carole Gartley asked how the Board wished to conduct the public hearing and what sort of presentation should be prepared by the school committee and pre-K committee. Brian Powers stated that he would expect those who attend the meeting will likely want to hear from the superintendent, the principal, and members of the school committee and the pre-K committee. A small presentation which outlines the critical components of the proposal would be very helpful for those who are unfamiliar with this process. Rick Bresnahan suggested a 6pm start time for the public hearing.

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to set the public hearing for the pre-k warrant article on January 26th at 6:00PM at the Hope Elementary School unless the schedule at the school is unavailable at that time. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

The Board will agree to conduct its regular business following the completion of the public hearing.

VI. New Business

a. Tax Collector Certificate of Settlement

Jim Annis made a motion to approve the Certificate of Settlement releasing the obligation of Rosanna Bowman as Tax Collector. Chris Pinchbeck seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

b. Poverty Abatement

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to approve a poverty abatement for the 2013 tax year in the amount of \$900.18. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

c. Hope Chest Donation Acceptance

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$250 to the Hope Chest from Camden Real Estate. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

d. Approval of Warrants

Wendy Pelletier made a motion to approve Warrants 48-52. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Jim Annis made a motion to suspend meeting as the Board of Selectmen and convene as the Board of Assessors. Chris Pinchbeck seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Board of Assessors

a. Tax Collector Warrant for Completion of Collection

Chris Pinchbeck made a motion to approve the Tax Collector Warrant for Completion of Collection as presented. Jim Annis seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Jim Annis made a motion to adjourn meeting as the Board of Assessors and convene as the Board of Selectmen. Wendy Pelletier seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

Jim Annis made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a Poverty Abatement application. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VIII. Executive Session

a. Poverty Abatement

Jim Annis made a motion to exit Executive Session. Wendy Pelletier seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**

VII. Future Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment

Chris Pinchbeck moved to adjourn at 9:29 pm. David Bosken seconded. **Motion passed 5-0.**